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SUBJECT: ALLEGED AMCIT FLIES HELICOPTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

TO RESCUE THREE EAST GERMAN REFUGEES

FOR S/PRS AND EUR/CE

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1. ADDITIONAL INFO RE MEEKER OBTAINED FROM LOCAL PRESS
INDICATES POSSIBILITY HE WILL ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES WITH
LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES AND BAVARIAN BORDER POLICE WHO
HAVE ALREADY INITIATED ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS WHICH COULD
RESULT IN HIS BEING FINED FOR FILING A FALSE FLIGHT PLAN
AND DEPARTING AND REENTERING FRG ILLEGALLY. ADDITIONALLY
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IN TRAUNSTEIN IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER
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OR NOT HE COMMITTED AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE FRG ALIEN LAW OR

CIVIL AVIATION LAW. OFFENSES AGAINST THE FORMER COULD RESULT IN DEPORTATION BUT BAVARIAN STATE SECRETARY FOR THE INTERIOR KIESL STATED THE AFFAIR IS "LEGALLY INSIGNIFICANT" SINCE "AFFAIRS LIKE THIS WILL REOCCUR AS LONG AS WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH TOTALITARIAN SYSTEMS WHICH SEPARATE HUMAN BEINGS". A SPEAKER OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN TRAUNSTEIN INDICATED THAT ONLY MINOR OFFENSES WERE IN QUESTION.

2. DAMAGE TO THE CHARTERED HELICOPTER HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT 15,000 DM AND PUNITIVE COMPENSATION CLAIMS REPORTEDLY COULD REACH 80,000 DM.

3. ANOTHER ACCOUNT NOTED THAT OFFICIALS OF THE BUNDESNAHR-RIECHTENDIENST (INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION) QUESTIONED MEEKER YESTERDAY WHETHER HE HAD ACTED "FOR ANY REASONS OTHER THAN HUMANITARIAN". MEEKER REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND WAS NOT WORKING FOR ANY "RESCUE ORGANIZATION".

4. COMMENT: UP TO THIS MOMENT, MEEKER IS NOT UNDER ARREST, HAS NOT YET BEEN CHARGED WITH ANY OFFENSE (ALTHOUGH INVESTIGATIONS NOW UNDER WAY COULD LEAD TO CHARGES), AND HAS NOT SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FROM CONGEN; NOR HAVE WE BEEN APPROACHED BY FRG AUTHORITIES.

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